



COVID -19 Protocols 2022-2023

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COVID-19 Protocols

The CDC states staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations is the leading public health strategy to prevent severe disease. Not only does it provide individual-level protection, but high vaccination coverage reduces the burden of COVID-19 on people, schools, healthcare systems, communities, and individuals who are not vaccinated or may not develop a strong immune response from the vaccines. CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone 6 months and older and boosters for everyone 5 years and older, if eligible. Therefore, Franklin strongly recommends all eligible students receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Please submit to office@franklinmontessori.com your child's completed Covid vaccination card when fully vaccinated. It is our policy that Franklin Staff are fully vaccinated.

Masking Policy

We will be using the CDC's Community Level tracker to determine mask usage at school. **When in the Low Community Level, Franklin students and staff will be Mask Optional.** When in the Medium or High Community Level, indoor mask usage will be enforced. Any student over the age of 2 years old will be required to wear a mask when indoor mask usage is enforced. Outdoor mask usage is optional. We have created a red, yellow, green visual cue at the door to provide guidance as to the current Community Level in DC. We also reserve the right to implement indoor mask usage if we see an increase in cases in our school community.

Daily Temperature checks are no longer required.

Please follow the protocols on the next page for your child should they display symptoms* of COVID, Test positive, or be considered a Close Contact Exposure.

If positive for COVID-19

Protocols for individuals who test positive for Covid-19 are not changing currently but are as follows:

Infant Program

- As they cannot wear a mask consistently and rapid tests are not approved for use in children under 2 years of age, students who test positive must complete the 10 day quarantine before returning to school.

Toddler & Primary Programs

- Students can end isolation after 5 full days if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, test on day 5 and receive a negative test, and their other symptoms* have improved (Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation). Should they test positive on day 5, they must complete the 10 day quarantine.
- They should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10) after the end of your 5-day isolation period. If they are unable to wear a mask when around others, they should continue to isolate for a full 10 days.

Close Contact Exposure (Non-household member) if student is UNVACCINATED:

Please note the age group of your child(ren) determines which protocol to follow.

Infant Program

- because they cannot wear a mask consistently and rapid tests are not approved for use in children under 2 years of age, a 5-day quarantine for close contact is required. Please monitor your child for symptoms* and test on day 5 after exposure. With a negative test, your child may return on day 6.

Toddler and Primary Programs

In the event that a person was exposed to a Covid-positive individual (close contact), the close contact will no longer be required to quarantine but must provide

- 1) proof of a negative test administered in the morning before attendance at school and
- 2) confirmation that the child has not presented with symptoms of COVID-19* the evening before and morning of for each of the 5 days from exposure to attend school.

*Please note that attendance during this 5 day “test to stay” period is also dependent upon the close contact’s ability to wear a well-fitting mask for the entire school day (with the exception being during snack/lunch and nap time).

* Symptoms of COVID-19 include, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

Close Contact Non-Household Member for Vaccinated students

- Quarantine is not necessary.
- Monitor for symptoms* for 10 days from exposure.
- Test 5 days after exposure even if they do not develop symptoms*.
- If symptoms develop, isolate immediately and test for COVID-19.

Close Contact Household Member for Vaccinated AND Unvaccinated students

Please note the age group of your child(ren) determines which protocol to follow.

Infant & Toddler Program

- Quarantine for 10 days from exposure. It is recommended you test on day 5 or the onset of symptoms. Negative test required to return on day 11.

Primary Program

- Quarantine for 5 days (day zero is the day you were exposed, day one is the first full day following the exposure).
- Test 5 days after exposure, may return to school with a negative test but must wear a well-fitting mask for the remainder of the 6-10 days and test each day through day 10.
- If individual tests positive on any day of quarantine, quarantine starts over at day 0 of positive test, then follow Positive for Covid-19 protocol.